

## Incidents in a Nurse's Life in Hospital.

Our visiting physician was a very clever man, he was nothing if not ingenious. Something new was always on the board twice a week when his visits came, and what a dear, delightful worry he must have been at home! No wonder he was a widower!

One day during his visit he superintended the filling of a waterbed for a typhoid, in which there was to be a continual flow of water to keep it cold, so we had a pipe for ingress and egress of the water. Unfortunately, the one supplying the water was larger than the one carrying it off, and the consequence was we flew like demented beings every ten minutes to feel whether the bed was likely to burst from being overfull. We lived on waterbed! It dogged our meals, our walks, our study, and was a perpetual nightmare to us all!

My assistant was a girl really after my own heart—clever, resourceful, kind, and conscientious. Her only drawback was she had not enough self-confidence.

It was my long pass. I was to be off duty from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and great was Nurse L—'s fear something would happen to the waterbed in my absence. I assured her it would be all right, and, knowing what a careful soul she was, I went quite happy. I returned shortly after 9 to the hospital, and passed the ward.

There a sight met my gaze never to be forgotten. Sisters, housemen, students, nurses, porters wading in water—shovelling, mopping, bucketting, and what not; the paddlers with dresses tucked up to their knees, and the patients with handkerchiefs stuffed in their mouths to quell their boisterous mirth. I laughed myself till my sides ached.

And a great tea party I held that night in my bedroom—nurses on the floor, on the bed, on the drawers, and Nurse L—, the raconteuse! Her tragedy air quelled our mirth, and we tried to make light of the morrow's ordeal, when Dr. M— would inquisition her or me. Fortunately she was not there when the doctor sniffed his disapproval and indignant scorn; and the H. P. took care I should not be blamed for what was really nobody's fault. The waterbed was discarded, and the patient recovered.

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This incident is only one more proof of how important it is that medical students should be taught the elements of practical nursing. At present few realise the time it takes to carry out treatment, and one nurse is often expected to do the work of two.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

His Majesty the King is giving his support to an Art Loan Exhibition which is to be held in Lynn on behalf of the funds of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital. Many exhibits are being lent by His Majesty.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of a bazaar on December 2nd in aid of the funds of the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth. Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to preside at the opening ceremony.

Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., speaking at the formal opening of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, referred to the remarkable success of the School at examinations. At the first medical examination by the London University all the seven candidates sent by the school passed. For physics it sent one, who passed; for biology one, who passed. For the second medical examination fourteen, of whom twelve passed. In Part 2 ten were sent and seven passed. For the M.D. examination seven presented themselves and all passed. At the examinations of the University of Durham the school had one candidate in the first examination, one in the second, two in the third, and two in the final (M.B., B.S.), and all were successful. One submitted herself to the third examination, and two to the final examination of the Conjoint Scotch Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, and all passed. Four were successful at the final examination of the Society of Apothecaries, London, and four obtained the diploma of Public Health offered by Cambridge University. These announcements were naturally received with applause.

The late Rev. Edward Llewellyn Adams has bequeathed £4,000 to the Manchester Royal Infirmary in consideration of a ward being named the "Elizabeth Adams Ward."

The programme of the second Pure Food Congress, which is to be held in Paris from October 17th to 24th, has been issued. There will be two broad divisions into which the various alimentary substances will be divided for discussion—common foodstuffs and drugs. The intention of the Congress is to arrive at clear descriptions of the operations or manipulations which will be allowable in handling these substances, thus following up the work of the Congress at Geneva in 1908, when the composition of pure alimentary substances was defined.

Stephen Smith and Co., Limited, proprietors of Hall's Wine and Keystone Burgundy, have declared a dividend of 10 per cent. on the ordinary and 6 per cent. on the preference shares, for the half-year ending September 30th. Dividend warrants payable on October 1st.

At the London Medical Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, S.W., this firm are showing Carvino, under which name they have now registered their Lemco Wine.

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